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SUBJECT 1. Soviet Troops in the Area of  
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2. Alerting of Locomotive Brigades

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1. An engineer of a locomotive brigade learned from an unspecified informant that about 17,000 Soviet troops were concentrated in the area of Lowicz (Q 53/P 27) on [REDACTED]. These troops were allegedly ready for shipment to the west. \*

2. A Polish railroad worker escorting German trains to Frankfurt/Oder said that a secret SCC order, in force since 16 June 1950, provided that 60 to 70 percent of all brigade locomotives will be made ready for immediate employment and will be kept cold. The brigade personnel are to be available in their quarters, which were specially equipped railroad cars, at all times. \*\*

3. According to information obtained in Lodz [REDACTED] Polish troops had been transferred from Lowicz to Pomerania. The military quarters in Lowicz and Skierniewice which were evacuated by the Poles were taken over by Soviet troops. \*

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Comments.

To date, only Soviet liaison and supply units have been stationed in Poland proper. The order that the brigade locomotives were to be made ready for immediate employment is not new. The Soviets have at their disposal 376 brigade locomotives, 320 of which are serviceable. These locomotives are organized into 13 locomotive columns of 25 to 30 brigades each. Each brigade has one locomotive and one caboose and is permanently assigned three teams consisting of three engineers, three firemen, two chief conductors, two conductors, and one car foreman per brigade. Orders for the employment of these brigades are given only by the Soviets; the German railroad authorities are charged only with the welfare of the personnel and the main-

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tenance of the locomotives. The column locomotives must not be confused with a reserve of 430 locomotives which German railroad authorities had to make available for Soviet purposes and which are being kept serviceable, but cold, at various collecting points in the eight regional railroad districts. The information that the brigade personnel are restricted to their quarters is new. It is not known whether this measure applies only to Frankfurt/Oder, where four columns are stationed, or whether it is also applicable to the other locomotive columns, of which three are stationed in Berlin, two in Cottbus and one each in Pasewalk, Hoyerswerda, Angermunde and Seddin.

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